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“Bob and Rhoda” Show Attracts Appreciative Audience

Adventures in Learning Also Scores with English Tea and French Wine

By Elborg Forster

It did not take a Broadmead wit long to attach the “Bob and Rhoda Show” sobriquet to the five-lecture Adventures in Learning series on the 19th century history of England and France. But unlike yesteryear’s “dog and pony” shows, Broadmead’s featured retired professorial resident types with lots of degrees, Dr. Rhoda Dorsey, retired president of Goucher College, and Dr. Robert Forster, long time of the John Hopkins history faculty.

Who was dog and who pony, the wit did not make clear. What was amazingly clear is that appreciative residents turned out to fill the entire auditorium and part of the lounge.

After the solo performance by Bob Forster in the introductory presentation (briefly reviewed in the May issue of the *Voice*), Rhoda Dorsey joined him at the speakers’ table for the rest of the series. She started out by giving a vivid description of the Industrial Revolution, which began in England and has shaped the Western World until our own time. Having cited the facts and figures of an incredible rise in production, the speaker also showed the cost in human misery this “progress” exacted and showed some grim pictures to illustrate it. Bob Forster painted a contrasting picture of a France that was slower to industrialize

and clung to a more traditional way of life centered on the small farm.

The next lecture examined the growth of democratic government in both countries. In England the wealth produced by the Industrial Revolution and by the phenomenal growth of the British Empire aided this evolution and stimulated humanitarian reforms, while France with its revolutionary tradition dating back to 1789 experienced a more uneven, even violent, development and preserved the anti-clericalism that characterizes French political life to this day.

Two further lectures dealt with the rich cultural life of both countries. Academic distinctions between “High Culture” and “Popular Culture” don’t necessarily hold, for the great English novels of the 19th century, especially Dickens, were enjoyed by virtually all classes of society, as was the poetry of Victor Hugo in France, where “typically French” attitudes in such areas as food, sports and the family were widely shared.

The last two lectures included not only music from Debussy to Gilbert and Sullivan, but also a little social hour featuring, respectively, an English tea-time and a “*vin d’honneur*”.



Enjoying English tea at left are Anne Minkowski and Fan Whitman. Imbibing French wine are Jim and Suzanne Crowder, Sue and John Carnell.

Photos by Nancy Boyce

Music Committee Announces 2012-2013 Concert Series

Jerry Green, co-chair of the Music Committee, has announced plans for the 2012-2013 Concert Series.

Leading off on Sunday, September 16, will be a quartet of familiar musicians: Jonathan Carney, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra concert master; Madeline Adkins, assistant BSO concertmaster; Pei Lu, BSO cellist, all of whom appeared at the final concert of this season.

Joining them in September at the piano will be Lura Johnson who soloed here in January. Other programs are:

Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m.
Choo Choo Hu, piano

Wednesday, November 14, 7 p.m.
Harmonious Blacksmith
Renaissance and Baroque Music

Sunday, January 20, 2 p.m.
The Janos String Quartet

Sunday, February 24, 2 p.m.
The Mark Meadows Jazz Quartet

Sunday, March 10, 2 p.m.
Handel Choir of Baltimore

Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m.
Joanna Marie Frankel, violin

Sunday, May 26, 2 p.m.
Trio Cloisonne

*Biographies are posted on the Residents
Association website*

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Guitarist Mark Edwards presented a diversified and interesting program at the late April Residents Association concert. *Photo by Sally Bloomer*

It's the Preakness! Where Were the Hats?



Broadmead ladies might be forgiven for not wearing hats to the Kentucky Derby party, but bare heads for Maryland's own Preakness? At left Joyce Gilley in a yellow headpiece, and Anna Morsberger, also in yellow at right, were among but a handful of hat wearers. Tsk! Tsk! At center Elly Lent, Ann Remington, Nancy Hauss and Mary Jane Kiefaber alleged they were promoting a new trend called "fascinators" which to a casual observer looked like large fake flowers. Residents turned out in force to view the races and what was really fascinating, the food for both Derby and Preakness. Now that there's the possibility of a Triple Crown, a Belmont Stakes party is in the offing for June 9.

Photos by Marcia Reinke

A Nostalgic Country Fair Saturday, June 2, 11a.m. to 3 p.m.

(No Rain Date)



Rose Garden Area

Featuring: Live Blue Grass Music

4-H Club with Farm Animals

Educational displays

Burgers, hot dogs, peanuts, popcorn, more

**All Residents, Staff and Family
members are welcome to attend**

Presented by Broadmead Lifestyle Department



Bernard Queen, left, and Doug Bareis discuss progress in turning the old coffee shop into an “Upscale 7-11.”

Corner Cupboard Scheduled to Open in Late July

Story and photo by Bernie Anderson

Final construction on Broadmead's latest amenity, the Corner Cupboard, is expected to be complete in July, with a grand opening as soon thereafter as personnel training and product stocking is complete.

Described as an “upscale 7-11” the Corner Cupboard will feature a broad array of products, including dry goods, staples such as lunch meats, bread, fresh produce (both local and organic), dairy products, chips, sodas, and many of the same products available in local markets.

Operated and staffed by Broadmead, the store is not intended to make a profit, but pricing will be based on the need to cover costs, which will be a function of demand from the residents. The goal is to break even, so that the items stocked and priced will match residents' needs and demands.

The current plan is to have one full-time Broadmead employee operate the store. It will be open four days a week with hours coinciding with those of the Country Store and the bank. Management responsibility for its operation falls in the domain of Bernard Queen, Director of Food Services, and Doug Bareis, Director of Support Services.

Residents Association Annual Meeting to Take Place June 4

By Marcia Reinke

Elizabeth “Susie” Fetter will top the slate of 2012-2013 officers to be presented by the Nominating Committee Monday, June 4 at the annual meeting of the Broadmead Residents Association. Susie, who has been serving as second vice president, will replace Kitty Stierhoff in the BRA's top job. Kitty has been nominated to serve as liaison from the BRA to the Broadmead Board of Trustees. Current first vice president Tom Nuttle declined the nomination to serve as president.

Nominated as first vice president is John Michener; as second vice president, Jim Crowder; and as secretary, Sybille Ehrlich. Continuing as associate secretary is Sandra McClung. Hyko Laeyendecker moves from associate treasurer to treasurer, and Nancy Henley has been nominated to the associate treasurer post.

Elinore Lent has been nominated to continue as cluster coordinator, and Ethel Landis to continue as the other liaison to the Broad of Trustees. Nominated to continue serving on the 2013-2014 Nominating Committee are Elborg Forster, Penny Partlow and John Robbins. Forster, Partlow and Robbins served on the 2012-2013 nominating committee along with Bob Davies and Alma Smith. Two additional members of next year's Nominating Committee will be named by the Executive Committee at a later date.

The Nominating Committee will present one slate at the June 4 Annual Meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Other business before the Annual Meeting includes a vote on the BRA's \$83,000 budget for the coming year, plus the president's and treasurer's annual reports. Because a quorum is vital to conduct the business of the BRA, all residents are urged to attend.

Helping the Abused Is Woodbourne's Goal

By Jonas Rappeport

Can you imagine what life might be like if your mother was a drug addict and sometimes sold your food to get money for drugs? You never knew your father and the occasional adult male who came around was surly and abusive to both you and your mom?

Children from such homes become mentally ill and are the type Woodbourne is called upon to treat. Speaking to a recent Open Forum about such children was Dr. Stanley Weinstein, a respected and

experienced expert in social work and the president and CEO of Woodbourne.

"They have never been able to form close attachments. They have suffered physical and sexual traumas which affect their brain development. They are unable to feel their own emotions and have a self-concept as being unlovable and deserving of mal-treatment," he said.

Woodbourne, located at 1301 Woodbourne Avenue east of York Road, was established in 1798 as an orphanage on the 13-acre summer estate of Enoch Pratt. Broadmead residents Jonas Rappeport and Dorothy Krug have served as trustees on the Woodbourne Board in the past.

Boys come to Woodbourne after all lesser efforts, hospitalization and numerous foster homes have failed. Although 12 to 17 years of age, they are still reading, if at all, at a third grade level. The challenge is to turn this around in up to 18 months with psychiatric treatment, experienced case workers and a residential care staff who offer a consistent structure and a caring attitude. If there is a



Stanley Weinstein

home that a child can return to, the staff works with the family to try to turn things around. Otherwise the child goes to specially trained foster parents.

A national Adverse Childhood Experience Study has collected data revealing how children experiencing such neglect are affected the rest of their lives. Such a deprived childhood leads to a shortened life, death in one's 50s.

Woodbourne also has an outpatient Children's Diagnostic Treatment Center where they work with girls quite successfully, although the challenges remain difficult.

Unfortunately Dr. Weinstein was unable to provide any firm outcome statistics because such follow-up studies are hard to do. He said, however, that they follow the boys via the criminal justice system and find that about a third end up in prison.

Open Forum

7 p.m. - Auditorium
Thursday, June 7

Education in the 21st Century

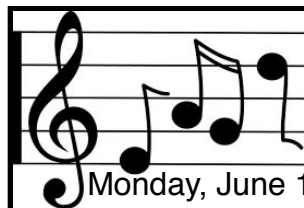
Nancy Grasmick
Retired Superintendent of Schools
for the State of Maryland
Thursday, June 21

A 2012 General Assembly Review

State Senator James Brochin
District 42 (now includes Broadmead)

Friends Meeting for Worship

Sundays at 11 a.m.
Stony Run Board Room



Let's Sing

with Jonathan
Jensen at the Piano

Monday, June 18 at 7 p.m., Lounge
Last sing until Fall

Before the Heat of Summer...

Glorious May Saturday Lures Our

By Marcia Reinke. Photos by Marcia Reinke and Bernie Anderson

Enticed by the beautiful day, wandering reporter emerged from the “cave” one Saturday morning in May, camera in hand, to look for bird watchers, dog walkers or whoever else might be enjoying our grounds....and whose pictures might grace the June *Voice*.



Broadmead Bird Watchers

“Aha, there’s Anne Allen Dandy and the bird watchers,” she muttered with a big smile. Right down by the barn, binoculars and bird books in hand. “Stop,” she shouted, to the dismay of Anne Allen who saw a sought-after bird fly away. “Now line up and look like you’re looking for birds, but don’t pose and please look right into the sun.”

“Not the way one looks for birds,” someone, maybe Mary Frances Wagley, said. Others didn’t care. They posed, except for Anne Allen who scowled at her bird book to determine what bird got away.

Leaving the birders heading for Western Run, meandering reporter spotted Frank Iber, Jane Earhart and Peaches out for a walk. This is not unusual. Frank, Jane and Peaches are always out for a walk, which is why Jane and Frank won the Wellness Department’s big walkathon this year. Jane ranked first. She also walks other dogs. But

when prizes were announced Peaches got no accolade. Now a chance to remedy that.

Eight snapshots later, one photo had Peaches more or less looking at the camera instead of at Jane.

A bit further down the Perimeter Road were Bernie and Kitty Anderson, enjoying the lovely day, hand in hand. “Oh good,” the meanderer said.

“Can you get into the (gated) vegetable gardens and take a picture of who’s planting what?” Bernie also spends a lot of time in the *Voice* “cave.”

Bernie didn’t have his camera but retrieved it later that morning from home. Hence a picture of his gardener brother Lyman. Bernie is also a gardener. These gardens are for residents who want to shield their efforts from bunnies and deer inside a fence.

Hence also Bernie’s photo of Pepe



Frank, Jane, Peaches



Lyman planting



Pepe washing the Gilley’s car

Residents Outdoors

(Shannon Williams) washing the Gilley's car. Most Saturdays will find staffer Pepe washing resident cars.

Bernie had also suggested that wandering photographer take a picture of the gorgeous tree down by Cluster D. "What kind of tree?" "Don't know." "I'll ask."

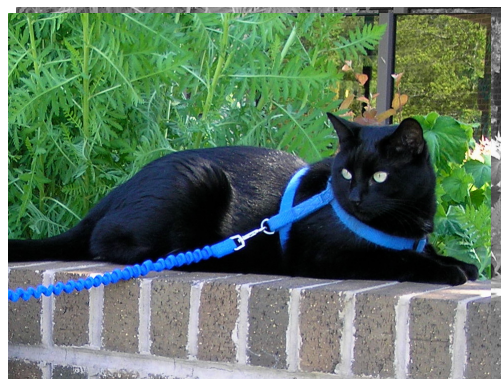


Fortunately Frank and Jane arrived simultaneously at the handsome lacy white tree, a fringe tree, they said. It seems five or six of these trees were planted at Broadmead in recent years.

The fringe tree conversation was, however, interrupted by a house-coated Carol McCord, waving from her patio, coffee cup in hand. "You feeling better, Jane?" she called. Apparently Jane had had to interrupt dog walking for a trip to Outpatient the day before.

Posing the tree was not difficult, and with it safely in camera, the meanderer headed back to the Center. And there, right outside the lower door, were members of the Baltimore County 4-H Rabbit Club retrieving their pets from bunny cages en route to a show-and-tell-and-hold-and-pet session upstairs in Hallowell. Hallowell residents without gardens seem to like rabbits more than cluster residents trying to raise hostas.

With the kids and their therapeutic bunnies headed upstairs, wandering reporter decided



Moby Dick

to call it a day, when.... lo!.... Moby Dick jumped up on the nearby stone wall. Moby Dick is a whale of a big cat, but he is solid black not Ahab white.

Moby, who wears a harness and is usually attached via leash to either John or Sue Carnell, apparently thought he should defend the pictorial honor of felines against dog and bunny and bird and maybe even tree lovers this fine day. It took 11 snapshots to get one of Moby, who seemed more interested in eating grass against a black background than being featured in the *Voice*.



Members of the Baltimore County Rabbit Club were happy to pose with their pets before taking them for a therapeutic visit upstairs. Shown here from left are Molly Webber, Danielle Ryndak, Abigail McGucken and Elizabeth Bathon. Rabbits are of four different breeds.

***Despite Rain...* Off-Campus Activities Also Beckoned.....**



All bundled up, members of Broadmead's Bird and Nature group visited the Oregon Ridge Nature Center to learn about its programs.

Photo by Sally Bloomer

Broadmead's own Trail Day had to be cancelled but our Tour group braved the elements to visit the woodland garden of Sidney and Jean Silber. Designed by the Silbers on six acres over a period of 50 years, it provided a storybook setting with every leaf and bloom glistening in the rain. At left with umbrella is host Sidney and at right Jean. At center is resident Dosia Laeyendecker, enjoying a respite on a unique bench by Sculptor David Hess.

Photos by Penny Partlow

Know-how Needed to Produce Verdant Green Campus

By Nancy Allchin

With the help of a little rain Broadmead enjoys a verdant green lawn. But this does not happen by chance, said Bill Wilson and Don Goodson from Natural Lawn Care, the company which manages our many acres, supplying nutrients and controlling the weeds. Mowing is the job of the Brickman company.

Broadmead switched to Natural Lawn seven years ago at the urging of resident Julia Waxter and the Grass Roots Committee, who were concerned that fertilizer and pesticides harm wildlife and humans. Natural Lawn also aims to protect the waterways by low-as-possible applications of weed killers.

Caring starts after chemical soil testing determines what products to apply, they explained. Occasionally the soil is aerated by penetrating it with spikes, before applying grass seed and fertilizer. This creates dense grass which helps prevent weeds.

In the spring more fertilizer is added to sustain new seedlings, using a low concentration of nitrogen and potassium. An herbicide (plant killer) is also sprayed to control crab grass and broad-leaf weeds such as dandelions. Pesticides, which kill insects, are no longer used. Some spot spraying is done in problem areas.





Dr. Jean Baker signing her *Margaret Sanger* book. Photo by Marcia Reinke

Recalling a Time Before Birth Control, Dr. Jean Baker Discusses Margaret Sanger

By Ann Berman

Many of us well remember, or at least have heard about, the difficulties of life before effective birth control.

I own a copy of a letter written by my mother to her sister. She was 20 and desperate after having one child within ten months of marriage, a second child a year later, and a pregnancy immediately following that.

This was the Depression and money was tight. She was able to obtain an abortion - illegal, of course. She told of my father having to go to the bank and get \$100 in cash, and of what it was like to hide the experience as well as live through it.

She did later have a third child, but the memories of that experience never left her. And she was one of the fortunate ones.

Author Jean Baker, of Goucher College, told us of similar stories when she spoke at Broadmead last month. Her topic was her

recent book, *Margaret Sanger. A Life of Passion*.

Sanger came from a poor immigrant Irish family in Corning NY. Her mother had 11 children. And as she was growing up she noticed that the families who could afford to live higher on the hill had many fewer children than did the immigrants down where she lived. It wasn't till much later that she realized the connection between having enough money and the ability to have smaller families.

Sanger went to school, married in 1912 and moved back to New York where she began to change the lives of women as well as the ideas of Americans about sex. In 1916, when she opened a clinic in a poor area of New York, the women came in droves for help in controlling the number of children. Until then, such women were often advised to "tell your husband to sleep on the roof!"

Sanger initiated a three pronged strategy to make birth control available: organize, educate and legislate. She even went to jail with her supporters, at one point refusing to ride in the paddy wagon and walking the entire way. In the early days, even talking about birth control was frowned upon. Supplying birth control devices was illegal in many states.

Gradually the movement spread. My mother and a neighbor, a woman doctor, were heavily involved in starting the first birth control clinic in the Pennsylvania mountains where we lived. The movement is still healthy, despite those who think it wrong and who believe we need to confer "personhood" on a fertilized egg.

Sanger eventually realized that the most effective way to provide birth control was through a pill to limit ovulation and those of us who lived through that period of change from mechanical to chemical means can vouch for the accuracy of that.

With the aid of her second husband, and that of philanthropist Catherine McCormick, Sanger was able to work toward making such a pill possible. She left a legacy that our daughters and granddaughters will be able to live without fear of unwanted pregnancy.

Broadmead Briefs...

For the Tuesday/Thursday exercisers who've spotted the **"thing" with three legs and blinking green and yellow lights** overhead while they've been stretched out on mats, here's the scoop. It's an "access point" of which there will be 38 in the Center when all are installed. Their purpose is to facilitate wireless computer communication throughout all four levels of the building..Who knew? We thought it was some kind of smoke detector.

Standing Committee Chairs for fiscal 2013 have been announced by BRA President Kitty Stierhoff: **Dot Gustafson** and **Peggy Taliaferro**, co-chairs Buildings and Grounds; **Bill Reinke**, Finance; **Suzanne Crowder**, Food; **Mary Francis Wagley**, Health; **Joan Tapley** housekeeping.

Congratulations are in order for six members of the Food Service staff. Graduating from high school this month are **Mariah Moore, Jelicia Moss, Julia McLaughlin, Jessica Jackson, Brittany Rooks** and **Kalah Heath**.

Brake for the toads, pleads our conservation guru Sally Bloomer. Directing her request primarily to those driving POVs, she might also include those of us who've inadvertently flattened some with our big feet. Baby toads, which invade the sidewalks this time of year, should be left to grow into friendly big toads. (*Editor's note: Some residents, we've heard, are not so happy about the toads/frogs which have invaded units and laundry rooms.*)

Referring to one of her conservation notes from last month, Sally thanks **Sue Carnell** for recommending a scrub-up with soap in the bathroom after using the bathroom, not heading for the kitchen faucet to save on hot water. Sally notes that might depend on what you've been doing in the bathroom.

The fall Barn Sale has been scheduled for Friday, October 26, and Saturday, October 27. Mark calendars.

Our Newest Newly Weds



Joan Eastman and John McShane went down to the Baltimore County Court House May 1 to get married, a happy happening not seen here since John and Jane Michener tied the knot in 2010. Despairing of ever getting their families together, they decided on a five-minute ceremony with only John's daughter Cathy, and resident John Robbins as witnesses. The bridegroom has been moving packing boxes and himself into Joan's C-22 unit, but, finding no space for his desk, has also rented C-18. Legally Joan is keeping her former name, but will be happy to be Joan McShane around Broadmead. *Photo by Bernie Anderson*

Rumor has it that a proposal to require all Broadmead **dogs to submit to a DNA test** was advanced at a recent cluster meeting (name withheld to protect residents thereof). The idea is that dogs not followed by a owner pooper-scooper may be easily identified and their owners scolded. (*Editor wonders who's going to scoop the poop and get it tested.*)



Let's Dance

Monday
June 11 at 7 p.m.
Lounge
Everyone Welcome

Bill Kilian Speaks of Agricultural Drug Research

By Ted Wilson

Speaking to a recent Men's Saturday Social Hour, Bill Kilian said his ancestors came from Bavaria and Prussia, where one of his grandmothers was a "throw-away" infant born to poor parents and left by a country crossroads for someone to pick up and adopt. A kind farm family did just that.

Raised on Long Island, Bill developed a strong work ethic watching his father work as a linotyper during the Depression. As a teen, he served as a farmhand, then in 1945 served with occupation troops in Germany. He later earned a degree in agriculture from Cornell, where he captained the cross-country team in his senior year and later raced against such stars as Roger Bannister, coming in third.



For the second time in three years, Jamie Stierhoff, left, won the Maryland Hunt Cup on the horse Twill Do. Jamie is the grandson of our Hugh and Kitty Stierhoff, right.

Following more studies at NYU and the Wharton School, he was hired by Merck to conduct agricultural products research, developing drugs against diseases harmful to animals, citrus fruits and bananas. He also worked on increasing production from rubber trees. He estimates traveling around the world at least three times during his 28 years with the company. A lover of Grand Opera, he attended performances wherever he traveled.

Raised a Lutheran, he later joined the Unity Church, where he has been studying a book entitled *A Course in Miracles* which he finds full of wisdom. Because Mercy Ridge was near his home, he joined that community, but found he and his little dog would benefit from being on the ground level and that he would benefit from the type of medical care we enjoy, so he moved here.

Monday Book Group

Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

June 4

Homer and Langley, E.L. Doctorow

July 2

Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe

August 6

Death Comes to Pemberly, by P.D. James

September 3

The Hare with the Amber
by Edmund de Waal

October 1

The Beginner's Goodbye, by Anne Tyler

November 5

The Cellist of Sarajevo, by Steven Galloway

December 3

The Right-Land Shore
by Christopher Tilghman

Books may be borrowed from the Bookmobile.

Schedule: June 8, 22, July 6, 20,

August 3, 17, 31,

September 14, 28

October 12, 26

November 9, 23

Writers Group Holds Annual Reading, Honors Lynn Buck

By happenstance the memorial service for Lynn Buck, long time leader of the Writers Group, was held at Broadmead just a few hours before the group's popular annual reading, much of which was filled with memories.

Gwen Marable is shown here in a poet's coat Lynn received on her 65th birthday from her many literary friends



who signed the lining. Lynn, poet, author of several popular books and plays, professor and activist in many causes, especially women's rights, gave the poet's coat to Gwen shortly before her death.

Gwen, also a poet and storyteller, wore it in tribute to Lynn at the 16th annual reading,

Other participants in the reading were Sally Bloomer, Ruth Williams, Anne Allen Dandy, Mary Nichols, Caroline Goldsmith, Flo Dunlop, Sue Schlenger, Eli Freedman, Bob Fetter, Susie Fetter, Elborg Forster, Janice Dykacz, Sibylle Ehrlich and Carolyn Underwood.

In Memoriam

Lynn Buck by Lynn Buck

Editor's note: Lynn's longtime friend Eli Freedman contributed the following poem, written by Lynn about her Broadmead friend, the late Thelma Becherer. Reading it after Lynn's death, he was impressed by how much could be applied as a memorial to Lynn herself. Here are the final four stanzas changed only to substitute Lynn for Thelma.

But beyond her magic
of weaving fine yarns and exotic
fibers, far beyond all that
shines her skill in the craft
of living, polished to the precision
and power of a laser beam.

For the right cause she will stand
granite firm --or walk or run
with the grace of a gazelle or wave
a proud banner---pushing for clean



**Lynn Buck, 1921-2012
wrote this poem in
memory of a friend.**

air, pure water, non-nuclear energy,
reproductive freedom, lesbian and gay
rights, world peace --or all these and more,
she is there with her placard or a message
stitched on her jacket. *My conscience
is the highest court.*

For her friends she is there as well
attuned to the smallest cry
never too busy, too tired
or too anything else to listen,
run errands, read aloud or just
lend her warm presence, gem
beyond price, her voice,
her touch, her laughter
bringing the sparkle
of diamonds, soothing
comfort of rose quartz
crystal and quiet
beauty of old turquoise.

With her departure
this community
is sadly diminished.
We gather to wish her *godspeed*
But something of Lynn
will remain here. Her bright
filaments so intertwine
our own lives and landscape,
bound by marsh grass
Seasoned with salt spray
no earthly force can unravel them
from her cosmic tapestry.

Broadmead Scribblers Write Poems, Essays, Memoirs and Five-minute Exercises

By Elborg Forster

Now that the members of the Writers Group have shared some of their work with the community, you might wonder what goes on at their weekly Friday afternoon meetings.

The first item on the agenda is always the "Five Minute Exercise." Here one person throws out a word and everyone starts scribbling furiously. After exactly five minutes the chair stops the scribbling and we take turns reading what we have written, starting with the person who has suggested the word. Some of the recent *trigger words* have been "Board," "Bundle," "Switch" and "Patch."

At a recent reading Bob Fetter presented thoughts on the mysteries of life, death and fate with which the word "Patch" inspired him, while all that my pedestrian mind could think of is that patches make pants last longer and that garden patches allow us to grow vegetables.

Yet sometimes it is amazing how a word evokes the same image in a majority of the participants. In connection with "Bundle" almost everyone said something about the "bundle of joy" that is a baby, although the bundle of mortgages sliced and diced by financial manipulators was also mentioned more than once. At the next Annual Reading of the Writers Group we plan to present a sampling of the mini-essays inspired by the same word.

The next part of the Writers Group meeting is devoted to what members have written, either recently or in the past. This could be a poem or an essay of either humorous or serious nature. The writer sometimes asks for suggestions for a line of poetry that doesn't seem to flow, or for additional examples for an argument presented in an essay. Very personal and moving memoirs have also been presented to the group. None of us will forget the outpouring of rage and grief by the person who had just received a diagnosis of incurable cancer, nor that same person's acceptance – "sort of," she said – of her fate six months later.

Always something new! Join us!

Opera Video Will Present Two Nights of Rossini's *Guglielmo (William) Tell* By Harry Blumenthal

Two Friday evenings, June 22 and 29 at 7 p.m., have been reserved for a showing of the Rossini opera, *Guglielmo (William) Tell*. The last of Rossini's 38 operas, it is rarely performed except for its popular overture and ballet music.

First performed in 1829, the opera's libretto is based on the popular European drama, Schiller's *William Tell*. Dealing with the 14th century Swiss fight for independence, it recounts the story of the renowned marksman who is forced to shoot an apple off his son's head. Without cuts, the opera runs for six hours. The Broadmead presentation will take four, two each night.

Saturday Night Performances

Auditorium - 7 p.m.

- June 2 **A.A. Milne, lecture by Anne Weller Dahl**
- June 9 **Belmont Race Party**
- June 23 **Painted Screens of Baltimore, Lecture, Demo**
- July 7 **Cartoonist K.A.L. will speak**
- August 4 **Peter Kaestner on Birds of India**

Movies will be shown June 16 and June 30. See Page 18.

Thursday Night Bridge

**6:30 p.m. Lower Level
No partner required**

BIRD AND NATURE GROUP

Fridays June 29,
July 27 and August 31
1:30 p.m. Fireplace Room
Everyone Welcome

Taylor Hall Renovations Show Assisted Living May Be Very Comfortable, Beautiful Too

By Marcia Reinke

A recent open house to show off the handsome, newly renovated Taylor Hall, lured dozens of residents and friends to the Center's third floor assisted living areas.

Most popular of the renovations has been the conversion and combining of studio rooms into new one bedroom apartments, complete with a living room, bedroom and bath plus a kitchenette with a refrigerator-freezer, microwave and sink.

Two large new common rooms have been created from space which formerly housed offices and nursing stations. One is designed for both cooking and eating, with an oven, microwave, cabinets and tables.

The other common area is more like a living room with a gas fireplace, large-screen television, sofas, comfortable chairs, game tables and a piano.

Popular too is a new "spa" which features an amazing "walk-in" bathtub, the front side of which opens up.

Despite the combining of former studios into apartments, the renovations, 18 months in the making, result in 26 apartments where there once were 18. Future plans include a new comprehensive care facility near Holly House.



Among the hosts at the party and pleased with the turnout of visitors were Ed Marsh, Eleanor Tillett and, seated , Betsy Griffin. Handling arrangements were Rita Johnson-Chase, Director of Human Resources, and Fran Beasley, cluster rep for Taylor Hall.

Photo by Marcia Reinke



Cookies, cake, music and friends, plus tours of the new third floor common areas and one bedroom apartments, lured dozens of residents to the party. At right Rita Johnson-Chase demonstrates the new step-in bathtub.

Photos by Bernie Anderson

MaCCRA Annual Meeting Looks at CCRC Resident Contracts and Transparency

By Marcia Reinke

It's official. Broadmead resident Jonas Rappeport was elected president of the Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association at its annual meeting May 5 at Ingleside at King's Farm. Also now official is resident Alma Smith as secretary. Both have been handling their jobs with an "acting" designation since last fall. Other officers are from Oak Crest, Collington and Buckingham's Choice.

Speaking, primarily about legislation before the General Assembly this year, were Barbara Brocato, MaCCRA's lobbyist; Martha Roach, chief of Continuing Care for the Maryland Department on Aging (DoA); State Senator Delores Kelley, who was instrumental in pushing the 2012 legislation; and Sam Keiter from Buckingham's Choice, MaCCRA's legislative chair.

Discussed was the competition between two trade groups seeking to serve as lobbyists for the owners/providers of continuing care communities. Until recently LifeSpan has represented the providers, but a national group known as Leading Age is now actively seeking members for a Leading Age Maryland chapter. According to the various speakers, LifeSpan has been dominated by for-profit communities; while Leading Age could be more resident friendly. Leading Age will allow for-profit membership, but will not allow for-profit control.

Concerning the 2012 legislation, all speakers were pleased with the provisions which are now law, but agreed that much more is needed to protect retirement community residents. Passed was a provision

that all communities must have a reserve fund equal to 25% of their operating budgets by 2023, up from 15% now required. Roach explained that DoA dropped its support of a 25% rule because it would have put four Maryland communities out of business immediately. She said she agreed to the 10-year delay so communities may solve their operating reserve problems. "I did not want to put any occupants out on the street," she said.

Under the new law, all community contracts must now go to the DoA for approval; and every community must include its grievance and refund procedures in its contract. Senator Kelley especially stressed the importance of transparency, clear provisions and tables of contents in all contracts.

Other issues include refund-of-entrance fee policies, requirements for actuarial studies, availability of board minutes and budgets to residents, and resident relations with Boards of Trustees.

Full information about the legislation, which was signed May 22 by the governor, may be found on the Maryland General Assembly Home page, by clicking on "Bill Information Status," entering SB485 and scrolling down to documents and "Fiscal Policy Note."

Present at the meeting, in addition to the representation from Broadmead, were delegations from Blakehurst, Mercy Ridge, Oak Crest Village and eight other CCRCs.

For a report on the Broadmead chapter's annual meeting see page 16.

Broadmead MaCCRA Chapter Has 145 Members

Two issues of high priority to many of Maryland's continuing care retirement communities, if not so much here, were discussed at the late April annual meeting of the local chapter of MaCCRA. The Broadmead chapter now has 145 members, of whom 46 have joined since the first of the year.

MaCCRA, an acronym for Maryland Continuing Care Residents Association, was founded by late resident Robert Sparks, who was also instrumental in the establishment of NaCCRA, the national organization. Broadmead resident Jonas Rappeport is now president of the state chapter and resident Alma Smith is the secretary.

Following a report by Marcia Reinke on recently signed Maryland legislation dealing with CCRCs, issues relating to refund policies and resident attendance at Trustee meetings were discussed. Refunds on resident deposits have been an issue elsewhere because they frequently have not been provided until the vacated unit has been reoccupied which, in a down economy, can be a very long time. Broadmead, which has had only a declining refund over the course of 48 months, now has an option of a 50 per cent or 90 per cent refund based on much higher entrance fees. Verbally, Broadmead's policy is to issue a refund within a year, but it is not allowed by the Department of Aging to advertise this because it would upset a competitive "level playing field", Trustee Robert Fetter said.

The Trustees issue is moot here. Whereas other communities have no resident involvement with Boards of Trustees, even being denied minutes, Broadmead not only has two resident-elected liaison-observers, it also currently has two resident trustees. In other business Sally Bloomer was commended for her membership



With economics on everyone's mind, the Display Case shows many ways to relax, exercise one's mind, develop skills and possibly win a prize. Photo by Nancy Boyce

recruitment, resulting in the many new members. Members agreed to have dues payable April 1 so Broadmead may send the amount due to MaCCRA in a more timely way.

Now that Jonas is president of the statewide organization and Alma, the secretary, the Broadmead chapter needs both a president and secretary. Other officers for the coming year are Marcia Reinke, first vice president; Kitty Stierhoff, second vice president; Natalie Bellows, treasurer; and Sally Bloomer, membership.

Fracking Needs Maryland Government Oversight

By Sally Bloomer

Hydrofracking may be a good future energy source, but legislation is needed to protect land owners and to assess drillers for potential damages.

Speaking specifically to the Open Forum on the Marcellus Shale Project, which extends from New York through Maryland and down to Tennessee, Dr. David Vanko said proposed legislation passed in the House of Delegates but failed in the Senate this year. Maryland's concern is



David Vanko

with the many leases already granted in Garrett County. Over 4,000 wells have already been drilled in Pennsylvania.

Vanko is dean of the Fisher College of Science and Mathematics at Towson University and chairman of its Physics Department. He is also chairman of the Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative, a group which is studying hydrofracturing in Maryland and is to submit a report in 2014.

Hydrofracking consists of pumping under pressure, up to four million gallons of water laced with some 4% chemicals, into the Marcellus Shale deposit. After the drilling extends vertically 5,000-6,000 feet, metal casing is lowered and cemented to the rock so that if fluid leaks, the cement will act like a sponge. The chemicals can cause serious health problems, he said.

Well-drilling then continues horizontally at which time many fractures occur. Sand is used to keep the fractures open and allow the gas to flow efficiently. "Flow back" or waste water is brought back to the surface, where it is either reused or trucked as far away as Ohio for storage. Surface spills often poison local streams.

Fracking may also release hazardous substances that are naturally present in the environment, such as methane, diesel fluid and acetone. Since methane occurs naturally in some aquifers, the "flame test" (lighting a match under the faucet) may not be a valid test to prove the effects of fracking which uses methane.

The Safe Drilling Initiative seeks legislative authority for a Garrett County water study to establish a base against which to later compare the amount of pollution caused by fracking.

Dr. Vanko is seeking a comprehensive bill in 2013 to provide for testing and other regulations so hydrofracking may be done safely. He also wants to establish regulations to protect land owners and assess drillers for potential damages. Liability is a big problem and advance planning will be far cheaper than contending with the damage to the environment later, he said.

In Memoriam

Lynn Buck

November 15, 1921 May 2, 2012

Virginia Cooke

November 17, 1921 May 18, 2012

David L. Hopkins

May 7, 1928 May 23, 2012

Moving Around Broadmead

	From	To
Marjorie Gold	C-9	T-326
Betsey Spragins	H-243	H-207
Jane Swope	S-201	H-261A

Wednesday Worship

1st Wednesday of month, 10:30 a.m.

Episcopal Communion

Holly Terrace - Flex Space

Sponsored by Sherwood Episcopal Church

2nd Wednesday of month, 10 a.m.

Catholic Mass

Holly Terrace - Flex Space

Sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Church



Broadmead Movies

Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Tuesday movies selected by Suzanne and Jim Crowder; Saturday movies by Jeanne Stephenson

Tuesday, June 5

The Way

When his son dies while hiking the famed Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route in the Pyrenees, Tom (Martin Sheen) flies to France to claim the remains. Looking for insights into his estranged child's life, he decides to complete the 500 mile mountain trek to Spain. He and other travelers realize they are all searching for something. No subtitles
2010 PG-13 120 minutes

Tuesday, June 12

W.E.

This glossy ensemble drama juxtaposes the lives of famous divorcee Wallis Simpson and Wally Winthrop, a young 1990s housewife. Wally yearns for a romance as dramatic as Wallis's but discovers history can be misleading. Subtitles
2011 R 119 minutes

Saturday, June 16

The African Queen

Humphrey Bogart, Katherine Hepburn. River rat Charlie Allnut and missionary Rose Sayer combat the elements, Germans and each other traveling on a raft through Africa during WW I. Sub-titles
1951 NR 105 minutes

Tuesday, June 19

Rabbit-Proof Fence

Australia's aboriginal integration program of the 1930's broke countless hearts - among them, those of young Molly, Gracie and Daisy, who were torn from their families and placed in an abusive orphanage. Without food or water, the girls resolve to make the 1,500 mile trek home. Meanwhile, a well-intentioned tracker is trying to return the girls to authorities. No subtitles
2002 PG 94 minutes

Tuesday, June 26

The Iron Lady

Meryl Streep provides a subtle and nuanced portrait of Margaret Thatcher, the first female prime minister of Britain, whose political career and determination changed the rules that limited women's opportunities for leadership. Subtitles
2011 PG13 105 minutes

Saturday, June 30

It's a Wonderful Life

James Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore. The heartwarming tale of George Bailey, a hard-working man who discovers that life is worth living one fateful Christmas Eve. Sub-titles
1947 NR 130

Summer Movies

Tuesday, July 3

The Bostonians

Tuesday, July 10

Baghdad Cafe

Saturday, July 14

Young Mr. Lincoln

Tuesday, July 17

Jefferson in Paris

Saturday, July 21

It Happened One Night

Tuesday, July 24

The Long Hot Summer

Tuesday, July 31

Strangers in Good Company

Tuesday, August 7

The Big Year

Saturday, August 11

Breakfast at Tiffany's

Tuesday, August 14

Anatomy of a Murder

Saturday, August 18

The Talk of the Town

Tuesday, August 21

To be announced

Saturday, August 25

Adam's Rib

Tuesday, August 28

The Express

Summer Opera Videos

7 p.m. Fireplace Room

Friday, July 13 **Alexander Nevsky**

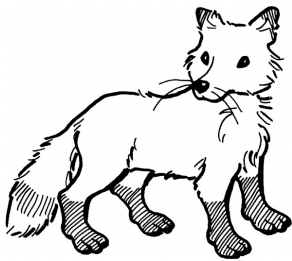
Friday, July 27 **Paganini**

Friday, August 10 **La Vie Parisienne**

Friday, August 24 **Oklahoma**

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Hither, Thither and Yawn

With Foxy Georgia

By now you've reached the end of this issue, and possibly can't bear to go on. But patience..This is the last of it, as now all good souls are taking a well-earned hiatus. Summer time you know.

Ole Foxy is just plum wore out trying to keep up with all the doings..but that super energetic Virginia Schurman never seems to run down. It was an experience to watch the video taping of the Broadmead Quilt Project.

Kitty Anderson held us spellbound with the story of how to do it. More complicated than sewing on that button. Dosia Laeyendecker's explanation of her squares made us look at the quilt with new eyes. Hope we all get to see finished video real soon.

Back in my day there was a radio skit (told you this was ancient history time) called "The Bickersons". Alma Smith and Jonas Rappeport read a play called *The Siren Song of Stephen J. Gould*, and boy did they bicker! They must practice a lot, but all's well that ends well. Jim Crowder saved the day by stepping in at the last minute as the stage manager. Great save, Jim .

Mary Frances Wagley and Alan Evans (a trusty trustee) gathered a group together to get ideas on how to promote the sale of annuities to the gang here. Your loyal editor Marcia and treasurer husband Bill asked and explained a lot and Sue Carnell and lil' ole me offered their two bits on how to do it also. Can't wait to find out how and when the big push will start.

Scrabble players have finally found a home--the spacious new lounge in Taylor West. It certainly has the latest thing in everything including a printer which is beyond mastering without a college education in Printers 101. Do drop by and get in the game. It will strengthen the other side of your brain.

The Brain University does that on Thursdays, and Virginia Goodkind and Flo Platt and Sita Smith and Dot Barr are hot for that. Tuesday Brain Aerobics are lotsa fun and after we do the games and such, lots of us send them along to the great grands who have fun too .

The jolly bus riders on Monday and Fridays really shop hard and bring back a lot of stuff. The Giant fans, Betsy Schrauder, Eli Freedman, Eileen Spring and Eleanor Casey, vie with the Wegman shoppers, Bonnie Cox, Sylvia Sherman, Dot Barr, Ruth Bronstein, Gladys deGraffenreidt, Senta Koch.

Then we have the Walmart fans, and we are hoping for an extension of the shopping area.. oh please! Diane and Bill are our wonderfully helpful drivers and make the trips so pleasant for the crowd.

That's not all the trips we have, but more on that another time...Summer beckons.

Vespers

Sunday, June 17 - 4:30 p.m.

Main Lounge

Sr. Robin Stratton

Carmelite Sisters of Baltimore

All are welcome

Broadmead Play Readers

will present

Reunion

A one-act comedy
written and directed by
resident John DePrine

Wednesday, June 6

7 p.m. Auditorium

Cast

Senator Hugo Faraday	James Crowder
Mdm Magda Millo	Suzanne Crowder
Joshua Faraday	Bob Gist
Roger Kendall	Eli Freedman

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Discovery Day at Broadmead

Open House

Friday, June 15

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Prospective residents to take advantage of significant savings

- Visit with real estate/downsizing pros
- Tour our newly renovated Center
- Enjoy delicious light fare and refreshments

Get acquainted with our distinctive services and amenities

- Custom Interiors
- Trips and Transportation
- Dining Services
- Health Care System
- Fitness and Aquatic Center

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